

Instructions for
U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

1. RESPONSIBILITY

		EXEMPTION
The operator of a catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or of a mothership must submit a VAR if:	holding a federal fisheries permit	If carrying <u>only</u> IFQ halibut and/or IFQ sablefish onboard and the operator has submitted a Vessel Departure Report (VDR) , the operator is not required to submit a VAR.
	and carrying fish or fish product	
	and crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or the United States/Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.	NOTE: If a vessel is carrying federal groundfish and IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, the operator must submit a VAR in addition to a VDR .

2. TIME LIMIT AND SUBMITTAL.

The operator must complete and submit a VAR by FAX to:

NOAA Office for Law Enforcement
FAX number: 907-586-7313

before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or the United States/Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

3. GENERAL.

Original/revised Report.

If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check "ORIGINAL REPORT".

If VAR is a correction or addition to a previously sent VAR, check "REVISED REPORT."

Vessel Name

Enter vessel name as it appears on the Federal Fisheries Permit.

Federal Fisheries Permit number

Enter Federal Fisheries Permit number of the vessel.

Vessel type

Indicate whether catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership.

Representative Information.

Enter representative's name.

Enter the representative's telephone number and FAX number, as appropriate.

Enter the COMSAT number of the vessel (if applicable).

Return/Depart.

Check either "RETURN REPORT" or "DEPART REPORT". Return means coming back into Alaska. Depart means leaving Alaska.

Port of Landing.

If return report, enter intended U.S. port of landing (see Table 14).

If departing to a country other than the United States or to a state other than Alaska, enter the intended port of landing.

If groundfish are landed at a port other than the one specified, submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing.

Is Vessel Returning From Fishing in The Russian Zone?

If return report, check either "YES" or "NO".

Is Vessel Departing to Fish in The Russian Zone?

If depart report, check either "YES" or "NO".

Date And Time.

Enter the estimated date (month-day-year) and time (hour and minute, Greenwich mean time) the vessel will cross.

Latitude And Longitude at Point of Crossing.

Enter the estimated position in latitude and longitude (to the nearest degree and minute) the vessel will cross. Option: record to nearest second or fraction of a minute.

3. FISH OR FISH PRODUCT ON BOARD THE VESSEL WHEN CROSSING THE EEZ OFF ALASKA OR U.S. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY.

Harvest Zone.

Enter the harvest zone where fish were harvested.

A1	BSAI EEZ
A2	GOA EEZ
B	State waters of Alaska
C	State waters other than Alaska
D	Donut Hole
F	Foreign waters other than Russia
I	International waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts
R	Russian waters
S	Seamounts in international waters
U	U.S. EEZ other than Alaska

Species Code.

Enter the species code for each product. If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in the "common" name for that fish species (e.g., swordfish, albacore).

Product Code.

Enter the product code for each product.

Use the species and product codes presented in Table 1 and Table 2.

Product Weight.

Circle pounds or 0.001 mt.

Enter the fish product weight of products in pounds or to the nearest 0.001 mt.